

## The Watchman and Southern.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

## SUMTER AND ITS SCHOOLS.

A CENTRE OF EDUCATION IN THE LOW-COUNTRY.

SUMTER, October 18.—Special: In the whirl and rush of this eminently commercial age there is always a tendency in towns and cities which have undergone rapid development to lose touch with the more permanent influences which have been at work elevating the tone of their civilization and raising their entire life, both social and commercial, to a higher plane, are almost entirely ignored.

Such has been the case with Sumter. For several years past much has been said of her advancement and general growth of business, while but little has been made of the unequalled advantages she possesses in the field of educational and general moral culture. To attain a healthy and solid growth a city must offer something more than a mere opportunity for the safe investment of money. The men who come to place their capital are influenced by their considerations than that of simply increasing their worldly goods. They also want homes for their families, and no city that is not a city of homes can expect a permanent and prosperous growth. As regards these indispensable advantages, Sumter occupies a position of which she has a right to be proud. Always a seat of culture, her citizens have paid special attention to education from her earliest days, and for the past quarter of a century she has supported institutions of this kind which have been favorably known far beyond the State.

## ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY.

The oldest of these is St. Joseph's Academy. During the bombardment of Charleston in 1863 it was found necessary to remove the boarding school, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, to this city, to some interior point where the work of training the minds of the young women committed to their care could be carried on without the rude interruptions to which the war had subjected them from time to time. The momentous question was the selection of a location. Realizing that the town chosen should be centrally located, and should have all the advantages of health and moral surroundings possible, Sumter was decided upon, and by 1864 the school had been firmly established, and was entering upon a career of success which was almost unprecedented for an institution in an unpretending country town.

A splendid piece of property was donated by Mr. Edward Lafitte, and the handsome buildings which are now in use were erected soon afterwards. The course of study in the Academy is one which trains the students in the practical ways of life as well as in those gentler accomplishments which develop the natural graces. No expense has been spared to extend the facilities of the school, and it now boasts a full library, a chemical laboratory and an equipment of apparatus of various kinds, which add greatly to the value of the courses pursued.

But little need be said of the record this institution has made. Its own accomplishments stand as monuments to its value, and the hundreds of noble women, now the mothers of the land, scattered all over the country, who have from year to year gone out from its halls, are living testimonials of the work St. Joseph's Academy has done.

## THE SUMTER INSTITUTE.

In 1867, Mrs. L. A. Browne and Miss E. E. Cooper, two ladies of eminent ability as educationalists, and as the results of their work have amply shown, founded the Sumter Institute, a seminary for the higher education and mental training of young ladies. For several years after the war the institution struggled on in the face of many difficulties and disadvantages, but its merits soon came to be recognized, and it rapidly assumed the position it now occupies as one of the foremost female seminaries in the State. From a dozen or more pupils the roll has been swelled to a yearly average of about one hundred and twenty-five, and the faculty which at the beginning consisted of two, now consists of twelve able and experienced instructors.

The school is located in the centre of the residence portion of the city, removed from the diverting noise and tumult of the business section. The buildings and grounds occupy the greater part of a block, and constitute one of the most attractive points in the city for visitors. The grounds are laid out into walks and lawns, and the graceful shade of the ancient grove which surrounds the school house makes the extensive play ground of delightful place in which the pupil can take exercise after the confining labors of the day.

This school is non-sectarian, any of the pupils being permitted to attend the church of their parents' choice, accompanied by one of the teachers. The courses in the Institute are very thorough, covering a great deal of ground, and extended over several years.

Particular attention has been paid of late years to music and art, and these departments in this institution have now a wide reputation for excellence and thoroughness. Quite a number of young ladies in the school possess these courses alone, devoting their entire time to them, and at the present rate of advancement it is safe to conclude that in a few years the Institute will become one of the most famous centres of art in the South. Already have a number of the graduates in these branches made some marks in the art world, and the increased size of the classes every year shows the public appreciation of the effort which is being made to establish in Sumter an art college second to none in the South. The art building is well supplied with models and all other necessary appliances. For many years past the art exhibits have been among the most attractive features of the annual commencement.

The present members of the faculty are as follows:

Principals—Mrs. L. A. Browne

and Miss E. E. Cooper.  
Literary Department—Mrs. L. A. Browne and Misses E. E. Cooper, J. B. Wilson, M. S. Ewing and H. B. Fraser.  
Department of Music—Miss M. E. Terry and Mrs. D. R. McCallum.  
Art Department—Miss L. A. I. Stevens.  
Lecturer on Physiology—John S. Hughson, M. D.  
Chaplain—Rev. N. W. Edmunds, D. D.

## THE CITY GRADED SCHOOLS.

While the two institutions previously mentioned contribute largely to the intellectual life of Sumter, the institution in which the public generally is possibly most interested is the City Graded school.  
For a number of years past Sumter has felt the need of a well organized system of public schools, and at the instance of the citizens the Legislature of 1888 passed a bill constituting the city a separate school district, and authorizing the levy of a special two mill tax for educational purposes. The following gentlemen were chosen trustees: The Rev. John Kershaw, chairman; R. O. Purdy, mayor of the city, (ex officio); the Rev. C. C. Brown; Mr. R. D. Lee, and the Hon. Altamont Moses. The schools were opened on September 25, 1889, with Mr. John B. Duffie as superintendent.

The white school was organized with the following able corps of instructors: John B. Duffie, principal; Miss E. C. Davis, Miss J. Florence Hurst, Mrs. L. E. Steinmeyer, Miss Gertrude Waddill, Miss Virginia Ingram and Miss M. H. Girardeau. The trustees secured for a school the old Mosses homestead on Washington street, a commodious building, well suited in every particular for the use to which it has been adapted. The city is not content with simply leasing a building, however, but is arranging for the construction of a \$10,000 edifice, to be constructed on the most approved modern plans, and bonds of the city to that amount will be issued. The plans, prepared by State Architect Frank Niernsee, of Columbia have already been accepted and the work will begin in a short time.

The other branch of the schools has been organized for colored children, and J. C. Whitaker, as principal, has done much to make it successful. He is assisted by James V. Brown, Miss M. A. Savage, Miss J. E. Walker and Miss Andrews. The advantages afforded by these schools have already been the cause of a very appreciable increase in population. Many families from the surrounding country have moved into the city to avail themselves of them, and large numbers of pupils from various parts of the country are in attendance. Tuition is free to city residents, and those from outside are charged a small fee.

## OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

In addition to these schools there are a number of private institutions which make a special feature of preparing young men for college. Mr. T. P. McQueen, an experienced teacher of high attainments, Mr. J. Diggs Wilson, formerly principal of the city schools, and Mr. J. J. Fleming, who is well known in the educational circles of the city, are all engaged in bathing the youth of Sumter with wisdom's font, and the patronage they receive indicates the confidence the people have in their capacity and methods.

## Good and Bad Roads.

Good roads save horseflesh and vehicles; bad roads wear out both. Good roads are the exception in this country and bad roads the rule. In the winter and early spring portions of our country are almost inaccessible owing to the soft, muddy and dangerous condition of the roads. According to the recent examination of the matter it was estimated that a load which one horse can draw on level iron rails will require on smooth, level asphalt road one and two-thirds horses; on bad Belgian pavement, three and one-eighth horses; on good cobblestone road, thirteen; on ordinary earth road, twenty horses; on sand, forty horses. The wear and tear on horses and vehicles will thus be seen to be great on poor roads.

The question comes to every farmer, and in fact to every one who lives in the rural districts. Good roads must be obtained by all means, and there is no better way than to have the matter discussed at the farmers' clubs. Enough money and labor are annually spent on the highways of most of our states to produce good roads, but the result does not yet show that good judgment has been exercised in expending the time, labor and money. This then seems to be the most important question for farmers to settle. Another question to decide before spring is whether certain road beds should be surface drained or under-drained with tile. Some roads can be greatly improved by shortening them or cutting off curves and windings. A great deal of unnecessary wear to horses and vehicles would thus be saved by attending to the roads in time.—Practical Farmer.

The new anti-lottery law in prohibiting lotteries also prohibits all schemes for distributing prizes by chances, and applies to the Church fair as well as to the great Louisiana Lottery Company. An advertisement for a Church fair which speaks of a raffle, or any thing of the kind, would be excluded from the mails.

If you are all run down—have no strength, no energy, and feel very tired all the time—take Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla. It will impart strength and vitality to your system.

Op Wine.  
Dry wine is the only healthful wine from the fact of its containing no sugar and little alcohol. Claret should be drunk at a temperature of from 65 to 75 degrees. The decrease of drunkenness in California is due to the use of wine. Physicians in this city are recommending A. P. Levy's claret.

Cheap wine with French labels is no wine at all, simply coloring matter, acids, tannin and water.

Drink home production which is pure, at A. P. Levy's.

Always drink claret with meat.

## FOR SALE OR LEASE.

THE STOREHOUSE and lot, now occupied by the undersigned, with all necessary appliances for the conducting of a cotton, wholesale and retail grocery business. Lease for term of years, with a liberal patronage and paying business for successor.

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## Road Improvement Note.

The desire for good roads is a mark of advancing civilization, and the desire is extending over the entire country. In one state it is estimated that farmers lose \$1,500,000 on hay alone owing to bad roads interfering with marketing the crops.

If the system of road making were pursued with economy and skill in ten years the cost of transportation over our roads would be reduced more than one-half. Improvement of the highways will increase the value of land; the value of farms on and near a newly macadamized road increased \$4.50 per acre, while the cost was less than \$1 per acre.

With an intelligent plan and purpose the cost of macadamizing a short portion of the main roads of a town each year would not be as great as the cost of maintaining the extra teams which bad roads compel farmers and teamsters to maintain.—L. A. W. Hand Book.

## Highway Improvements.

Charles H. Peckham, president of the Rhode Island Domestic Industry society, thus expresses himself: "As to the matter of highway improvements, I think it is of the greatest importance to the prosperity of our agricultural communities that some change be made in their laws. At present in some parts of our state there is a gradual shrinkage in the value of our farming property, owing, in my opinion, to the want of better highway communication."

Children who are troubled with worms may be quickly relieved by giving them Dr. J. H. McLean's Liquid Vermifuge. It kills and expels worms. The quality of the blood depends much upon good food and digestion and assimilation. To make the blood rich in life and strength, giving constituents use Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla. It will nourish the properties of the blood, from which the elements of vitality are drawn.

"It goes right to the spot," said an old man, who was suffering in Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla to relieve rheumatism. Volcanic Oil Liniment to relieve rheumatism.

The circulation of the blood—quickened and enriched—bears life and energy to every portion of the body; appetite, rest, the power of rest brings with it sound repose. This can be secured by taking Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla.

For rheumatic and neuralgic pains, rub in Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment, and take Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla. You will not suffer long, but will be gratified with a speedy and effective cure.

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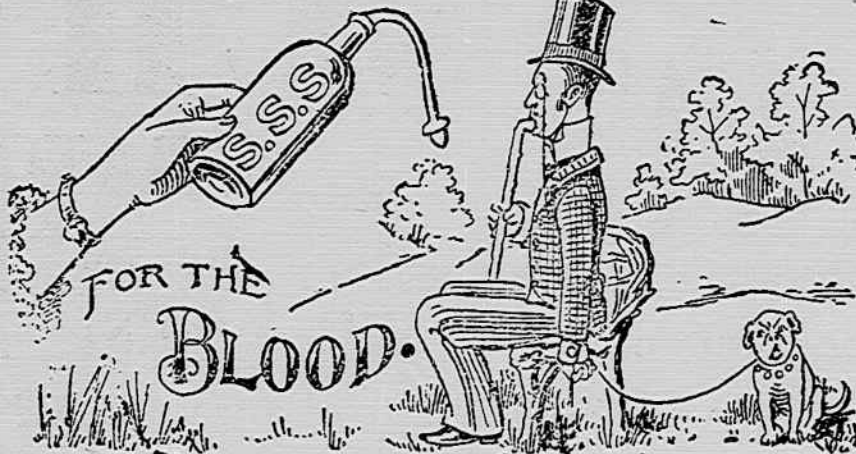
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Just see! See! why yes, indeed! I see! I see! 'tis this I need To cleanse my blood, this S. S. S. This Swift's Specific, I confess The faux pas made was rather huge, Why! I have been taking vermin!

## A REMARKABLE CASE FROM ILLINOIS.

I suffered for five years with Mercurial Rheumatism, which was the result of Potash and Mercurial treatment by physicians, for Constitutional Blood Poison. They not only failed to cure me but made me a physical wreck, and my life a burden. I then commenced taking SWIFT'S SPECIFIC (S. S. S.), and after using a few bottles was entirely cured of the Rheumatism, which the doctors brought on by their remedies, and the blood, I mean they failed to cure. I cheerfully commend S. S. S. to every one similarly afflicted. JOHN H. LYLES, Sargent, Ill.

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## INSURANCE COMPANY,

## OF NEW YORK.

## RICH'D A. McCURDY, Pres.

## ASSETS - - - \$136,401,328.02

## LIABILITIES - - - 126,744,079.58

## SURPLUS - - - \$9,657,248.44

## 1843. - - - 1890.

When solicited to insure in other Companies remember that The Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, is entitled to your first consideration, since it holds the foremost place among the Life Insurance institutions of the world, and offers superior advantages in all the features of business, together with unequalled financial security.

1.—It is the oldest active Life Insurance Company in the country.

2.—It is the largest Life Insurance Company in the world.

3.—It is the strongest financial institution in the world, its assets amounting to more than \$136,000,000.

4.—It is the safest company in which to insure.

5.—It is the cheapest company in which to insure. Its large dividend returns reduce the final cost of insurance to a minimum.

6.—It is the best company in which to insure, as it combines all the advantages of age, large and select membership, financial strength, absolute security, and the cheapest insurance that is honestly possible under any contract which has a definite value to the beneficiary.

7.—It has no stockholders to claim any part of the profits. The assets and surplus all belong to the insured.

8.—Its ratio of expenses to receipts shows economic management.

9.—Its new policy is the most liberal ever offered by any insurance company.

10.—It places no restrictions upon travel, occupation or residence after being two years in force.

11.—Being practically non-forfeitable and incontestable, it provides a legacy and not a lawsuit.

12.—It is the simplest and most comprehensive form of insurance contract ever issued. If the policy-holder pays his premiums while he lives, the company will pay the full value of his policy when he dies.

13.—All claims are paid immediately upon acceptance of proofs of death.

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